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SUBJECT: HCOC "INREACH" - ENCOURAGING SUBSCRIBING STATES  
TO SUBMIT THEIR ANNUAL DECLARATIONS (PART II)

Classified By: ISN/MTR DIRECTOR PAM DURHAM FOR REASONS  
1.4 (B), (D), AND (H).

¶1. (U) This is an action request. Please see paragraph  
¶5.

¶2. (SBU) Summary: At the May 29-30, 2008 annual meeting of the Hague Code of Conduct Against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (HCOC), the Immediate Central Contact (ICC) reported that as of the meeting's opening, 72 of the 126 subscribing states (now 130) had submitted their Annual Declarations (ADs) on space and ballistic missile policies. This constitutes a significant improvement over the 57 ADs submitted by subscribing states in 2007, and is a result of the significant "inreach" efforts of the Chair and a number of the subscribing states (including the United States). However, it still falls well shy of the full participation of all HCOC subscribers. Additionally, a significant number of the ADs received by the ICC were submitted after the March 31, 2008 deadline. We want to conduct "inreach" demarches to all Subscribing States in order to encourage them to submit their ADs - and submit them on time - this year. The due date is March 31, 2009.

¶3. (C) Background: The HCOC is aimed at bolstering efforts to curb ballistic missile proliferation worldwide, and at further delegitimizing such

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proliferation. It consists of a set of general principles, modest commitments, and limited confidence building measures, which include the submission of pre launch notifications (PLNs) and ADs on space and ballistic missile policies. At the fifth annual meeting of the HCOC in June 2006 in Vienna, delegates discussed the importance of all Subscribing States fulfilling their PLN and AD obligations. The Austrian Immediate Central Contact (ICC), noting that only forty ADs for 2005 had been submitted, called on all Subscribing States to submit their ADs as part of the HCOC's transparency and confidence building measures, and recalled the simplified annual declaration form (or "nil form") that had been agreed at the fourth annual meeting in 2004. In an effort to stimulate further submissions, the ICC in both 2007 and 2008 attached the simplified form to its reminder to Subscribing States to submit their ADs.

¶4. (C) In addition, and at the request of the HCOC ICC, the USG in 2007 and 2008 approached Subscribing States bilaterally and encouraged them to submit their ADs, reminding them that the simplified "nil form" was available to all countries that do not have space launch vehicle/ballistic missile programs. Due in part to our efforts (and similar efforts undertaken by other subscribing states), by the time of the HCOC annual meeting in May 2008, 72 subscribing states had submitted their ADs, which was a significant improvement over the 57 submitted in 2007.

¶5. (C) Objective/Action request: We want to boost even further the number of HCOC ADs received this year. We also want to emphasize to subscribing states the

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importance of submitting their ADs on time - i.e., by March 31, 2009. ADs are one of the primary transparency measures of the HCOC, and their timely submission by as many HCOC states as possible is key to the HCOC remaining a useful missile nonproliferation tool. Addressee posts therefore are requested to approach appropriate host government officials and encourage them to submit their HCOC AD by the March 31, 2008 due date, reminding them that the simplified "nil

form" is available to all countries that do not have space launch vehicle/ballistic missile programs. Posts should also highlight the fact that the HCOC's eighth annual meeting will convene on May 28 and 29, 2009. (Note: A substantively identical cable will be sent to the HCOC Subscribing States not listed as addressees on this cable. End note.)

16. (U) Please contact ISN/MTR's John Paul Herrmann (202-647-1430 - herrmannjp@state.sgov.gov) or Sarah Ayers (202-647-1142 - ayersssl@state.sgov.gov) with any questions or follow-up related to this issue and slug reporting on this issue for ISN/MTR. Copies of the full text of the HCOC and the "nil form" can be provided to post via e-mail upon request.  
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